

Appl. No. 09/977,510

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REMARKS

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the Examiner Interview on February 10, 2005; Applicant has amended claims 1, 4, 10 and 18 to include the claim language agreed upon by the Examiner during the interview. Applicant believes the claims are in condition for allowance.

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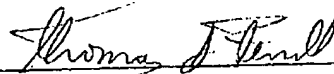
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Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that in view of the amendments and remarks set forth herein, the rejections and objections have been overcome. Applicants reserve all rights with respect to the application of the doctrine equivalents. If there are any additional charges, please charge them to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666. Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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